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TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION.

AUG. 31, SEPT. 1-2,
1904.

SOUTHERN SENTINEL BOOK
AND JOB OFFICE RIPLEY,
MISSISSIPPI, 1904.

MINUTES OF THE

Forty-Second Annual Session

OF THE

Tippah Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Academy Baptist Church,

August 31, September 1-2, 1904.

NEXT SESSION.

PLACE—Flat Rock, five miles West of Blue Mountain.

TIME—Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in Sept. 1905.

PREACHER—J. N. McMillin. ALTERNATE—J. A. Autry.

OFFICERS.

Elder W. E. Berry, Blue Mountain ..... Moderator.
J. W. Crump, Pine Grove ..... Clerk.
A. L. Collins, Myrtle ..... Treasurer.

Executive Board.

Elder J. L. Wilson, Chairman; J. N McMillin, W. E Berry, B. G Lowrey, J. W. Crump, Geo. Deen, A. H McAllister, A. L. Collions.

Order of Business.

1. Inviting visiting brethren to seats.
2. Call for petitionary letters.
3. Read Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
4. Selection of place of next meeting and preacher to preach the introductory sermon.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Appointing correspondents.
7. Call for reports.
8. Election of Executive Board.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Calling roll and noting absentees.

PROCEEDINGS.

THE TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Forty-Second Annual session with Academy Church on August 31, 1904.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock, by Eld. J. L. Wilson, Text, Eph. 1:23; Theme, Christian growth. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. A. Autry. Adjourned for refreshments to 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION—1:30 P. M.

The Association was called together by singing, "Blessed be the Name" Prayer by Eld J. N. McMillin.

J. E. Brown, R. M. Staten and J. N. McMillin, were appointed a committee to arrange a list of the delegates.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Recognized Eld. T. J. Bailey, representing THE BAPTIST and Eld. E. L. Wesson, representing the EXPOSITOR AND JOURNAL, each of these brethren made addresses: Also recognized W. L. Souter, from Chickasaw Association.

The committee on the list of delegates made its report.

Letters were presented and delegates seated from the following churches: Academy, Ashland, Bethlehem, Beulah, Blue Mountain, Bluff Springs, Canaan, Chewalla, Dumas, Falkner, Fellowship, Flat Rock, Harmony, Hickory Flat, Mt. Hebron, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Olive, New Hope, New Macedonia, Pine Grove, Pleasant Hill (T), Pleasant Hill (B), Providence, Ripley, Shady Grove, Union, Unity.

Proceeded to permanent organization by electing officers of this body. Eld. E. L. Wesson and W. L. Souter acted as tellers. Election resulted in re-election of Eld. W. E. Berry, Moderator; J. W Crump, Clerk; and A. L. Collins, Treasurer.

The Order of Business as printed in minutes of last year was adopted after making 5th item the 1st in the list.

Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

By motion of Eld. J. A. Autry, omitted reading Constitution, Abstract of Faith, and Rules of Decorum.

Selected place for next meeting of this body and preacher to preach the introductory sermon. (See title page.)

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

DEVOTIONAL:—J. A. Cox, Thos. White, Jerry Wilbanks, with deacons of this church.

HOME MISSIONS:—J. N. McMillin, Robt. Ray, A. S. Kidd.

FOREIGN MISSIONS:—J. E. Buchanan, A. L. Collins, T. J. Douglass.

STATE MISSIONS:—J. A. Autry, A. W. Bynum, Wm. Aldridge.

PUBLICATION:—J. L. Wilson, J. T. Balch, A. H. McAlister.

STATE OF RELIGION:—J. L. Walker, T. P. Keith, T. R. Stroup, J. M. Renick.

EDUCATION:—B. G. Lowrey, R. M. Staten, J. W. Shackelford.

TEMPERANCE:—J. E. Brown, Geo. Deen, Sam Shankles.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS:—W. J. Ball, J. Mitch Nance, W. J. Jackson, J. T. Nabors.

SUSTENTATION:—J. Finch Ray, Z. Smith, J. J. Guyton.

ORPHANAGE:—C. L. Wilson, J. J. Wesson, J. P. Morton.

FINANCE:—J. H. Lowrey, J. A. Griffin, R. S. Stanford.

OBITUARIES:—M. Gillian, M. R. Stark, W. B. Lowrey.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by Eld. M. Gillian.

SECOND DAY—SEPT. 1ST, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, Moderator in the chair. Devotions conducted by Eld. M. Gillian, prayer by J. H Lowrey.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved Renewed invitation to visiting brethren to seats Recognized Eld A V Rowe, Secretary State Convention Board; Eld J R Carter, from Baptist Orphanage; Eld. E R. Osburn and J T. Baker from Chickasaw Association.

Appointed correspondents by adopting the following resolution: Resolved, that any member of this body in good standing who shall be present with any other body with which we correspond, shall be recognized as a messenger from this body. Eld J A Autry with Eld. J N McMillin, alternate, were elected delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention. Called for reports

The report on Sustentation, was read by J Finch Ray, and after discussion by Eld's A V. Rowe, E. L. Wesson, W. E. Berry, was adopted:

Report on Sustentation.

Your committee on Sustentation, would urge the importance of looking after this branch of christian work. When Christ was here on earth, he had much to say about the poor and destitute, and then he said, "Ye have the poor always with you," and from the many references to this subject, in God's word it seems that the Lord keeps an account of the treatment of his poor We believe that in the judgment some of the greatest rewards to his people will be for this branch of christian work, therefore we insist that our churches do not neglect to make regular contributions to this work. Respectfully submitted,

J F. RAY,
Z SMITH.

The report on publications was read by J. W. Crump, spoken to by Elder E L. Wesson and B G. Lowrey. Pending this discussion adjourned for preaching to 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Eld. A V. Rowe. Preaching by Eld. J. N. McMillin: Text: Romans 1:16-17; Theme, Salvation.

EVENING SESSION—1:30 P M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, being called together by singing "Working for the Crown". Prayer was offered by Eld. J R. Carter.

Resumed discussion of report on publications by Elds. J. R. Carter, T J. Bailey, J. A. Autry, and adopted:

Report on Publications.

Committee on Publications submit the following report: One of the great hinderances to christian development is lack of information. It is our observation that many of our people do not read; or what is worse read cheap literature that is degrading and demoralizing. The Bible is not read and reverenced as it should be. It is a fact also that our State paper The Baptist is essential to the fullest and highest development of all work in the State. Without the paper the work would be irreparably injured; every Baptist should keep in touch with our state institutions and with the work of the great Baptist host of our State. For this we recommend to our people the state organ; we take great pride in commending The Baptist for its able effort to build up our state institutions The Baptist is our paper and we should support it We commend the publications of the Sunday School Board of Southern Baptist Convention for use in our Sunday Schools, because we believe them best Our Home Field published at Atlanta, Ga, at 10 cents a year and the Foreign Mission Journal published at Richmond, Va, at 35 cents or 25 cents in clubs of ten or more We recommend also The Orphanage Gem and Expositer and Journal.

J L WILSON,
J. T BALCH,
A H MCALISTER.

The report on Home Missions was read by Eld J N McMillin; the report on Foreign Missions was read by Eld. J E. Buchanan; and the report on State Missions was read by Eld. J. A. Autry. These three reports were jointly discussed by Eld A V Rowe, B. G Lowrey, and adopted:

Report on Home Missions.

Your committee submit the following report: Home Missions in its fullness forms the base of supply for the evangelization of the world. "Begin at Jerusalem," was the injunction of our Savior, when He commended His disciples to witness for Him to "the uttermost part of the earth" The Home Board has as its

field of operation all the Southern States including New Mexico, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Missouri, and also Cuba. In addition to this, steps are being taken to open work in the Isle of Pines and in the Panama Canal Zone. The work in the territory of the Home Mission Board is divided into departments. There are the mountain districts, and western frontier; the foreign population; and the white population in a state of religious destitution in our large cities and mining and milling districts; the Indians, the co operative work among the negroes and the organized work in Cuba.

It can be seen at once that this is an immense field with great possibilities, and to meet successfully its spiritual demands the Board will need the united and constant support of our Southern Baptists.

The needs of the field are developing with wonderful rapidity. Not to occupy at once means the loss of much. And yet the Board is powerless to grapple successfully with the situation, with the means placed by the denomination in its hands. And yet every department of the field promises immediate and rich returns for every dollar expended. A summary of the work of the Board for the past year shows 616 missionaries in the field; 7526 Baptisms; 179 houses of worship built and improved; 179 Sunday Schools organized.

The total cash receipts of the Board from the State were: $127,850.56; from all sources about $133,000; a gain over the previous year of about $23,009.

The contribution from Mississippi, amounted in round numbers to $8,209, an increase of nearly 50 per cent over the previous year. For Mississippi to make the same increase this year would run her contributions up to $12,000, which would be more in keeping with her contributions to the other Boards. It was recommended by our State Convention that Mississippi Baptists undertake to raise $12,000 for Home Missions this year. In order to do this the pastors and churches will need to lay more stress on this department of our mission work.

With thankfulness to God for His blessings upon His own work committed to our hands, let all of our churches and pastors in the Tippah Association press this work forward.

J. N. McMillin,
Robert Ray,
A. S. Kidd } Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Missions is a doctrine of God's word. "Go and preach the gospel to every creature" is as imperative a command as is the command to be, Baptized. The great commission given by the Master to his deciples, just before his ascension is the very essence of his glorious gospel. This commission is the watch word the of ministry. The law of his churches and the hope of the

world God's blessings have always rested upon the effort of his people, in world wide missions—and most richly has he blessed the individuals and churches as they have put forth this effort Most signally has He blessed our Southern Zion, and our Foreign Mission Board, as they have carried the gospel to the regions beyond.

The last five years has marked a most glorious advance, in this work from 1899 to 1903, contributions of our Southern Baptist have gone from $107,207 to $247,629 an increase of 125 per cent Baptisms on the foreign field for the same time have increased from 845 in 1899, to 2,076 in 1903-04, a gain of 145 per cent It is glorious to note that for this same period Mississippi Baptist went from $5,839, in 1899 to $18,811 in 1903-04, an increase of 220 per cent In our State there are now, several churches that give the support of a missionary, or about $500 00 Not only is this true, but there has been a hearty growth in sentiment and contributions from all classes of our churches-so that as a State we are leading all the states of the Southern Baptist Convention, in advance of Foreign Mission sentiment and contributions.

The last report of our Foreign Mission Board is most joyous and optimistic, most gloriously has the work prospered and most pleasing are the prospects for the future Our forces now at work on the Foreign field number 353; 138 missionaries and 215 native helpers For the support of these there was expended by our board $247,629 at the moderate expense of less than 10 per cent of this amount Mississippi Baptist gave $18,811 There is a number of new missionaries to be sent out this fall, and among them one who may be credited to our Association, a man who was reared, converted and baptized within our bounds—to-wit: Bro J F Ray, who goes to Japan, what an honor to our body and what an incentive to hearty co-operation. Enlargement is the watch word of the hour Let us catch the spirit, and as pastors, churches and individuals give more thought, more prayer, and more money to the work and workers, on the foreign field. Under the expansion of the work as directed by the Southern Baptist Convention, and undertaken by our Foreign Board, for this year, Mississippi Baptist are asked to raise $23,500 Let the churches of our Association, see to it that we shall do our part in raising the amount asked of us May all the noble motives which appeal to us, inspire to a fulfillment of the duty, carries the gospel to earths remoted bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

J E BUCHANAN,
A L COLLINS, } Committee.
T J DOUGLASS.

Report on State Missions.

The work of State Missions is peculiarly and especially our own. The christian world has the sickle in hand to thrust into the white harvest abroad. What of success or failure comes to the cause of Christ in our own proud commonwealth, depends upon our own efforts. If Mississippi people, especially the Baptists, must lead them

Industrial life upon every hand, increase of population in towns and cities; the building of railroads manufacturing interests and general prosperity that meets the eyes in every direction, serve to make our State a great and important mission field. We would not cool the zeal of our Baptist hosts for the salvation of the lost to earth's remotest 'bounds; but the people of "Jerusalem" as it were must be saved.

The work of State Missions is especially great for two reasons: One as named above save the lost at home; another, work done at home helps the work abroad. As regards what we in the bounds of our Association have done for this department of our work there is as best we can gather a falling off from last year. We recommend that we do not make State Missions least nor last and that we pray the Lord to send forth more laborers into his harvest; and when he sends them that we stand by them and hold up their hands while they carry out the great commission.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. AUTRY,
A. W. BYNUM,
WM. ALDRIDGE.

The report on the Orphanage was read by Elder C. L. Wilson, and after discussion by Elds. J. R. Carter, T. J. Bailey, J. E. Buchanan and B. G. Lowrey, was adopted:

Report on Orphanage.

Your Committee on Orphanage submit the following report: The Otphanage was chartered July 18, 1894, and its property is thereby vested in a Board of Trustees, legally empowered to hold the property solely for the purpose of maintaining the Orphanage.

The Orphans Home is located in Northwest part of the city of Jackson, Mississippi. The property consist of 112 acres of valuable land free from debt. This land cost less than $2,400 and today is worth more than $10,000 without the $30,000 worth of property put on the land since the work began. The Orphanage opened on May 12, 1897, in Jackson, in a rented house, which was soon filled with children. But now have room for one hundred, with an average of 83 children; and applications out for six more. During last year $12,394.37 in cash was raised, and a debt of $6,000 has been paid, besides the improvements made costing about $1,000. The Orphanage will be able to run through the summer without debt.

The orphans still need our support and will continue to do so

as long as there are orphans in the land. We all know that Bro. J. R. Carter, is Superintendent of the Institution, and it ought to occupy a warm place in the hearts of all Mississippi Baptist.

Let us stand by Bro. Carter and the orphans, and see to it that a collection is taken from every church in the bounds of this Association for the orphans.

C. L. WILSON,
J. J. WESSON, } Committee.
J. P. MORTON.

Took up a collection for the Orphanage, amounting to $14.28.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder J. L. Walker.

THIRD DAY—SEPT. 2ND, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Called together by singing "What a friend we have in Jesus." The Moderator read the 12th chapter of Romans. Prayer by W. L. Souter. Minutes of yesterday read corrected and adopted.

Renewed call for reports.

The report on Obituaries was read by Elder M. Gillian, spoken to by himself, Elders W. E Berry, J. A. Autry, J. N. McMillin, and W. L. Souter, and adopted:

Report on Obituaries.

We, your committee on Obituaries submit the following report:

WHEREAS, it has pleased the all wise God since the last meeting of this Association, to take from our midst, our much beloved Brethren, L. P. Cossitt and J. D. Morton. We feel it due to their memory to pass the following eulogy. We have long known these brethren. To know them, was to love them, for their Heaven born piety and faithfulness. They were true to their Master's Cause. They went at His bidding to preach the gospel to a lost world. They were indeed bold and fearless defenders of gospel truth. But they are gone, God has taken them home. "They are resting from their labors and their works do follow them." In the death of these beloved brethren, the ministry has sustained a great loss; the churches which they served so faithfully and successfully, have indeed sustained a lamentable loss; also their families have sustained an irreparable loss. But our loss is their eternal gain. Respectfully submitted,

M. GILLIAN,
W. B. LOWREY, } Committee.
M. R. STARKS.

The report on state of religion was read by Elder J. L. Walker discussed by himself, W. E. Springer, and adopted:

Report on State of Religion.

We, your committee on state of religion report the following: From the letters, we find that God has been blessing our labors. Many good meetings are reported in our bounds; with increased numbers of baptisms over last year, and churches greatly re-

vived. Most of our churches have Sunday schools. And we feel that in many of them, progress is being made along all lines. But we find in some places that the work is behind that of last year; and a degree of indifference is shown on the part of many of our christian people, about our Masters work. Although Christ hath said, "Ye are the light of the world," yet many of us are not letting our christian light shine in a way that will bring the world to God and His Christ. Hence christian religion is not upon as high a plane as it should be. Therefore we beg every christian of this Association to get on the mountain top of christian living and hold up the cause of our God, that His name may be glorified Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WALKER,
T. P. KEITH,
T. R. STROUP,
J. M. RENICK.

The report on Temperance was read by J. E. Brown, discussed by himself, A. L. Collins and Elder A. V. Rowe. Pending this discussion, by motion of J. N. McMillin, adjourned for preaching to 1:30 p. m. Preaching by Elder T. J. Bailey, Text: Isaiah 45:17; theme, Salvation.

EVENING SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

The Association was called together by singing. Prayer by Elder A. V. Rowe. Resumed discussion of report on Temperance, by Elders J. A. Autry, A. V. Rowe, W. E. Springer, Brethren B. G. Lowrey, A. H. McAlister and J. E. Brown.

This report was adopted after the closing resolution was offered by Elder A. V. Rowe and accepted by the Association.

Report on Temperance.

We, your committee find that within recent years the churches recognizing the open saloon as an enemy to the Master, made war on and succeeded in almost driving that form of the liquor traffic from our State.

We believe the churches were content therewith, while on the other hand, the agents of the Prince of Darkness have been alert; and in part reoccupied the field: and that to some degree, the jug trade among the members of our churches has converted the christian's home into a tippling shop; and permitted a saint's shield to be used to cover a devil's den.

We believe further this apathy upon the part of the churches, and this jug trade as practiced by our members, largely, account for the marvelous growth of the blind tiger sentiment in our land.

We therefore beg, we plead, we entreat the churches and the individual members composing the same, to awake to their duty toward the youth of our country; and to sound again the tocsin of war in the camp of Emmanuel, ere the blind tiger accomplish what the saloon had intended

Whereas: there is a practice among the members of the

churches of Tippah Association of ordering jugs of whisky, the Association feels the shame and recognizing the wickedness of it.

Resolved, 1st That the churches must discipline offending members, or themselves be disciplined by the Association.

2nd That we ask the churches to report on this subject at our next session.

J. E. BROWN,
G. W. DEEN,
S. E. SHANKLES.

The report on Education was read by B. G. Lowrey, spoken to by himself, Elder J. A. Autry and adopted.

Report on Education.

The time is past when we need offer arguments on the benefits of education. Men, communities, states and nations exert influence and sway power largely in proportion to their intelligence. Mind power is the greatest power in the world, except spiritual powers. All our powers ought to be dedicated to the service of Him who gave His all for us, and we ought to covet for ourselves and our children, all the powers possible to be used for Him. The question for us as christians is not shall we educate; but where shall we educate and how shall we educate, that the education may become a mighty force for the uplifting of humanity and the propogation of the principles of the gospel of Christ? Or in other words a force to help and not to hinder the cause of Christ?

The one answer to the question is, we must patronize institutions where the christian tone is strong. Institutions where Christ is honored and humbly worshiped, and apart where the material, equipments and course of mental training are equal to the best institutions that are starting from the standpoint of mental drill and high intellectual development, and yet are "visably stamped with the image and superscription of the The King of kings."

Therefore, we again call upon our Baptist people to stand by our own Mississippi College at Clinton, and our Theological Seminary at Louisville, and to esteem the eternal welfare of their children and the interests of the kingdom of Christ too highly to patronize any educational institution which is not strongly christian.

B. G. LOWREY,
R. M. STATEN,
J. W. SHACKELFORD.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Elder W. J. Ball and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools.

Solomon said "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it." Brethren we cannot do this without the help of God, and some knowledge of his word. Hence we believe the Sunday School the most important place

to prepare ouselves for this great work that is resting upon each and all of us. Surely, with this obligation upon us, we can realize the great importance of a Sunday School in all our churches, where we can gather ourselves and our children, together, and study God's word together and pray for and with each other. We find in God's word that "Where no counsel is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counsellors, there is safety." Oh Brethren, could we realize fully the importance of bringing our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, we would make stronger efforts to have a Sunday School in every church in our Association. If we expect our children to make useful men and women for God and the world, we must beyond all doubt, first prepare ourselves for training them for this usefulness. Where shall we go to make this preparation? Go to God and his word. We find that the Master had a custom when he was in the world; and that custom was to go to the synagogue on the Sabbath; and we believe that custom was practiced by his earthly parents. So we find him in one place teaching, asking and answering questions. How could he answer questions without being taught? How can we teach our children without being taught ourselves? Jesus said, "Follow me." Are we doing this? Let us arouse to a full sense of duty and never rest till a Sunday School is in every church.

W. J. BALL,
W. J. JACKSON,
J. T. NABORS

The report on Finance was read by J. H. Lowrey and approved.

Report on Finance.

Academy	$ 1 25	Mt. Moriah	$ 50
Ashland	1 30	Mt Olive	55
Bethlehem	75	Hew Hope	50
Blue Mountain	3 00	New Prospect	——
Bluff Springs	50	New Macedonia	1 10
Buelah	1 40	Oaklimeter	20
Canaan	1 65	Oak Grove	——
Chewalla	80	Pine Grove	1 10
Clear Creek	——	Pleasant Hill, (T).	50
Curtis Creek	——	Pleasant Hill, (B)	1 00
Dumas	1 00	Providence	1 90
Falkner	75	Ripley	2 50
Fellowship	2 00	Shady Grove	1 00
Flat Rock	2 10	Union	2 15
Harmony	60	Unity	75
Hickory Flat	50		
Lebanon	——	Total	$31 85
Mt. Hebron	50		

The Treasurer's report was read by Elder W. E. Berry and adopted.

Treasurer's Report.

J. A. Norriss, Treasurer, in account with Tippah Association.

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To cash received from the following churches:

Academy	$ 35 90	Ashland	$ 21 25
Bethlehem	10 00	Blue Mountain	535 57
Bluff Springs	13 10	Buelah	22 80
Chewalla	1 00	Canaan	19 98
Dumas	11 10	Falkner	3 60
Fellowship	12 51	Flat Rock	20 00
Harmony	8 50	Hickory Flat	4 20
Mt Olive	4 50	Mt. Hebron	85
New Hope	10 00	New Macedonia	17 10
Pleasant Hill, (B)	5 00	Pleasant Hill, (T)	3 00
Providence	50 90	Pine Grove	14 00
Shady Grove	16 00	Ripley	30 25
Union	10 70		
		Total	$881 81

CREDITS.

By am't paid A V Rowe,	per	W. E. Berry	$719 34
" " " J R. Carter,	"	" " "	73 82
" " " W. T. Lowrey;	"	Dr. A. H. McAlister	5 00
" " " A. V Rowe,	"	A L. Collins	58 15
" " " J. R. Carter,	"	" " "	2 70
" " " W.J. Willingham	"	" " "	22 80
Total			$881 81

NOTE:—The above does not represent the full contribution of the churches, but only the funds that passed through the hands of the treasurer or his assistant and the amounts reported to them.

W. E. BERRY.

The old Executive Board was re-elected by acclamation by motion of Elder J. A. Autry.

Miscellaneous Business.

1. RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, for faithful services rendered, and that the Clerk is instructed totake $10 from the fund for minutes for his services.

2. That we extend thanks to the good people of Academy and community, for their kindness and hospitality during the sitting of this body.

The roll of delegates was called and absentees noted. The minutes of the day were read and approved.

Adjourned by singing "My hope is built on nothing less," during which the parting hand was extended. The closing prayer was offered by Elder J. A. Autry.

ELD. W. E. BERRY, Moderator.

J. W. CRUMP, Clerk

Ordained Ministers

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	
J. A. Autry	Prine Grove,	Miss.
W. J. Ball	Myrtle,	"
W. E. Berry	Blue Mountain,	"
W. C. Barnes	Hickory Flat,	"
L. F. Carmichiel	Mitchell,	"
W. P. Caviniss	Falkner,	"
J. T. Cox	Hickory Flat,	"
E. J. Eubanks	Jonesboro,	"
M. Gillian	Ashland,	"
H. F. Lipford	Ashland,	"
Joseph Pearce	Ripley,	"
H. B. Russum	Canaan,	"
W. G. Thompson	Blue Mountain,	"
J. L. Walker	Hickory Flat,	"
J. L. Wilson	Blue Mountain,	"
D. C. West	Ashland,	"
H. L. Whitten	Ripley,	"
A. C. Vandiver	Mitchell,	"
C. L. Wilson	Blue Mountain,	"
J. E. Buchanan	Blue Mountain,	"
W. E. Houston	Shawnee,	"

Licentiates.

A. W. Bynum	Canaan,	Miss.
S. H. Flake	Walnut,	"
C. L. McNinch	Michigan City,	"
E. W. Malone	Walnut,	"
J. H. McDowell	Ocala,	Miss.

Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Tippah Baptist Association.

ART. 2. It shall be composed of persons who shall be duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union. The Moderator, Clerk and Executive Board shall be ex-officio members of the next session.

ART. 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall, at the opening of each Association, present the letters specifying their appointments, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead during the year, with the whole number in fellowship.

ART. 4. Every church belonging t0 this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number fifty members, and then one for each fifty over that number.

ART. 5. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetingings shall be considered as dropped by the Association.

ART. 6. New churches may be admitted into this body, signifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided these be orthodox and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

ART. 7. This Associapion shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting (by private ballot) so soon as the letters from the churches are read and members names enrolled.

ART. 8. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop such churches as may become disorderly either in doctrine or discipline.

ART. 9. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for Domestic and Foreign Missions or for the Bible cause. This Association will take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

ART. 10. If any church have a difficulty with another church, we advise them to take steps laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and no difficulty between churches shall be entertained by this body unless such steps have been taken

ART. 11. When churches of this union have gifts which they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament, and we advise all presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons and constitution of churches to be governed by the abstract of principles of this Association.

ART. 12. This Association shall correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

ART. 13. The minutes of this body shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session closes. No session shall adjourn unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

ART. 14. The Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting of the Treasurer, Clerk and six other members, who shall be chosen annually.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

Abstract of Faith.

1. We believe in only one living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—and these three are one.

2. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in tresspasses and in sins.

4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto and with them that believe.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election—that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to prayer of Christians.

7. We believe in the final preservation of the saints and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

8. We believe in baptism by immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects for the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and that all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe that a gospel church is a band of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in him, and that there are but two officers in the church, the elder or pastor and deacon.

10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the word of God as far as their means will enable them to do so.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of men, and in a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but shall not vote unless his vote is necessary to decide the quetion. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall call for a vote, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by the members rising

6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member will be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

8. All subjects introduced for discussion shall be disposed of before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and the Association.

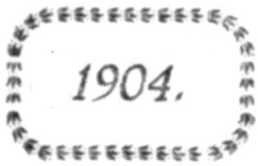
9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in reception of churches, when a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

10. The names of members shall be called when the Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in addressing each other and only Scripture titles in our minutes.

12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproval by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.



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Year.	No.	Places.	Moderators.	Clerks.	Treasurer's.	Ch'mn Ex Boards.	Preachers.
1860	1	Ripley	A. Goodwin	J. E. Rogers	S. R. Spight		Ambrose Ray.
1861	2	Beulah.	*	*	*	*	*.
1865	3	*	*	*	*	*	*.
1866	4	Union	M. P. Lowrey	J. E Rogers	H. Garrett	J M McDonald.	Ambrose Ray.
1867	5	Pleasant Hill, (B)	Ambrose Ray.	"	"	" "	A G. Parrott.
1868	6	Ripley	M. P. Lowrey	"	"	" "	A. G. Parrott.
1869	7	Pleasant Hill, (T).	" " "	"	"	" "	J. W. Johnson.
1870	8	Unity	A. G. Parrott	"	J. J. Guyton	" "	L. P Cossitt
1671	9	Academy	"	"	" "	" "	A G. Parrott.
1872	10	Flat Rock.	"	N. S. Watson	" "	" "	M. P Lowrey.
1873	11	Harmony	"	Thos Spight	" "	" "	J W. Sanford.
1874	12	Beulah	"	"	" "	Thos. Spight	W. L. Skinner.
1875	13	Mt. Moriah	M. P Lowrey	"	" "	" "	J D. Anderson.
1876	14	Canaan	"	"	" "	L. Ball	M. P. Lowrey.
1877	15	Chewalla	"	"	" "	" "	L. Ball.
1878	16	Fellowship	"	O. F. Ray	" "	" "	L P. Cossitt.
1879	17	Hew Hope	"	"	" "	" "	L. Ball.
1880	18	Union.	"	W. O Rutherford	" "	" "	W. E. Berry.
1881	19	Blue Mountain	L. Ball	"	" "	W. E. Berry	L. T Ray.
1882	20	Ashland	M. P. Lowrey	"	" "	" "	M. P Lowrey
1883	21	Ripley	"	"	" "	" "	H M Long.
1884	22	Providence.	"	"	C. J. Frederick	" "	E. L. Wesson.
1885	23	New Prospect	L. P. Cossitt	J. W. Crump	" "	" "	J. E. Buchanan.
1886	24	Clear Creek	"	"	J. J. Guyton	" "	W. G. Thompson.
1887	25	Bluff Springs	"	"	W. H M. Durham	" "	J. H. Shackelford.
1888	26	Canaan	"	"	" "	" "	G. W Floyd.
1889	27	Beulah	W. G. Thompson	"	J. S. Gillintine	" "	W. M. Gadd
1890	28	Fellowship	"	"	" "	" "	M. Gillian.
1891	29	Oaklimeter	L. P. Cossitt	"	J. N. McMillin	" "	W. T. Lowrey.
1892	30	Falkner	W. E. Berry	"	" "	W. T. Lowrey	J. N. McMillin.
1893	31	Shady Grove	"	"	" "	J. F. Guyton	St. Clair Lawrence.
1894	32	Union	"	"	J. Frank Ray	" "	St. Clair Lawrence.
1895	33	Ripley	"	"	" "	" "	J. N. McMillin.
1896	34	Blue Mountain	"	"	" "	W. E. Berry	J. C. Swaim.
1897	35	Pleasant Hill, (B)	"	"	" "	" "	St. Clair Lawrence.
1898	36	Hickory Flat	"	"	" "	" "	W. E. Berry.
1899	37	Ashland	"	"	" "	" "	M. Gillian.
1900	38	Beulah	"	"	J. A. Norriss	J. R. Carter	J R Carter
1901	39	Providence	"	"	" "	" "	W. E. Berry.
1902	40	Mt Moriah	"	"	" "	" "	J. A. Autry.
1903	41	Pine Grove	"	"	" "	J. L. Wilson	J. N. McMillin.
1904	42	Academy.	W. E. Berry	"	" "	" "	J L Wilson.

NOTE—In the table above I have been unable to fill the spaces marked *as I have not found a copy of the 2d and 3d numbers of the minutes. If any one can furnish the information I shall esteem it a great favor to get them.

W. E. BERRY.

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CHURCHES.	Pastors Salary	Church Expenses	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Sustentation	Mississippi College	Seminary	Orphanage.	Relief of Suffering.	Sunday Schools.	Totals
Academy	$ 100 00	$ 35 00	$ 6 65	$ 16 00	$ 8 25		$ 5 00		$	$	$	$ 170 90
Ashland	100 00	20 00	6 00	6 50	8 50				5 00		20 00	170 00
Bethlehem		.75	2 00	1 60								4 35
Beulah		36 10	22 80									58 90
Blue Mountain		795 00	205 08	152 53	111 29				65 00			1329 06
Bluff Springs		.50	6 75	6 35								13 60
Canaan	65 00	6 05							30			71 95
Chewalla		.80		1 00								1 80
Clear Creek												
Curtis Creek												
Dumas	100 00	12 00	5 00		5 00							122 00
Falkner		75		2 05								2 80
Fellowship	98 00	7 61	8 60	5 00							2 50	141 71
Flat Rock	50 00	23 05	5 00	10 50	4 50							93 05
Harmony	50 00	25 60		2 25					2 25			79 10
Hickory Flat		20 50	3 00		70				1 50		3 00	28 70
Lebanon												
Mt. Hebron		50		45					40			1 35
Mt. Moriah												
Mt. Olive		55		4 50								5 05
New Hope		50		10 00								10 50
New Macedonia			3 00	10 00	4 00							17 00
New Prospect												
Oaklimeter												
Oak Grove												
Pine Grove		1 10	9 00	5 00								15 10
Pleasant Hill (T)		50		3 00								3 50
Pleasant Hill (B)		1 00		5 00								6 00
Providence	100 00	1 80	30 00	13 10	7 75					2 75	3 20	158 60
Ripley	200 00	36 65									30 00	266 65
Shady Grove		2 00		5 00	5 00				5 00		9 50	26 50
Union	150 00	38 90	31 30	31 30	9 70				28 20		8 82	798 22
Unity		75										.75
Total	$ 913 00	$1088 56	$344 18	$294 13	$164 79		$5 00		$51 65	$2 75	$77 02	$3797 14

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CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF MEETING.	Increase: By Baptism	Increase: By Letter.	Increase: By Restoration.	Decrease: By Letter	Decrease: By Exclusion	Decrease: By Death.	Total Membership
Academy	H C McElroy, Newton Owen, N J Britt, H M Ratliff	W E Berry	Cotton Plant	2d & 4th Sundays	3	5	1	8		2	80
Ashland *A*	J H Lowrey, A S Kidd	J L Wilson	Ashland	3rd "	6	2					74
Bethlehem	J A Cox S E Kidd	J A Autry	Ashland	4th "			1	3			36
Beulah	A L Collins, Jasper Coltharp, J W Shackelford	" "	Myrtle	1st "	7	4	2	8	5	5	110
Blue Mountain *A*	J E Brown, J M Nance, J E Buchanan, J J Guyton, W J Goudy, C L Wilson	J N McMillin	Blue Mountain	4th "	31	25		31	2	1	278
Bluff Springs	W E Houston, J A Autry	J T Cox	Tippah	2nd "	5		2	1		2	70
Canaan	W E Fortner, A W Bynum, Robert Leath	J L Wilson	Canaan	1st "	3			2		2	63
Chewalla	None present	W N Swain	Higden	2nd & 4th "	6		1			1	44
Clear Creek	Not represented		Dumas								49*
Curtis Creek	Not represented	J T Cox	Spight	3rd "	2	1		2			44*
Dumas	R S Stanford, Wm. Aldridge, A C Anderson	W J Epting	Dumas	4th "	6	9					34
Falkner	None present	J L Wilson	Falkner	3rd "	1	4		2		1	87
Fellowship *A*	F E Hodges, J A Griffin, W G M Garrison, W J Jackson	W J Epting	Clarysville	3rd "	9	3		5			155
Flat Rock	Thos White W M Richardson S Shankles, T M Gadd, J M Butler	W E Berry	Hickory Flat	1st "	18	9	1	5		2	158
Harmony	Lafayette Deen	E J Eubanks	Walnut	2nd "	9	5		15	1	2	73
Hickory Flat *A*	J L Walker	J L Wilson	Hickory Flat	1st "	8			7			42
Lebanon	Not represented		Silver Springs								44*
Mt. Hebron	F P Keith, J L Ferrell	C M Willbanks	Walnut	1st "		3					15
Mt. Moriah	M R Stark, Marshal Duncan	C L Wilson	Ripley	4th "				3		1	14
Mt. Olive	Z Smith	H L Whitten	Mitchell	2nd "	2						58
New Hope	J T Balch, W B Lowrey	" "	Yellow Rabbit	3rd "	16						72
New Macedonia *A*	G W Deen, J J Wesson Jesse Colter	W E Berry	Blue Mountain	3rd "	4	3			1	1	60
New Prospect	Not represented		Laird	1st "							42*
Oaklimeter	Not represented		Hickory Flat								39*
Oak Grove	Not represented		Michigan City								7*
Pine Grove	T R Stroup, J M Renick, G M Street	J A Autry	Pine Grove	2nd "	13	3		2	10	3	96
Pleasant Hill (T)	J T Nabors, M F Duncan	E J Eubanks	Lowrey	4th "					2	1	53
Pleasant (B)	D P Dickerson, J P Morton	J T Cox	Ashland	1st "	4						43
Providence *A*	Jerry Willbanks, J S Horton, Robert Ray, R C Bennett	J A Autry	Deala	3rd "	3	2			1	3	159
Ripley *A*	Mack Lowrey, Lynn Spight, Mrs. J D Burns	J N McMillin	Ripley		2	3		1		1	85
Shady Grove *A*	J T Douglass, J R McInturff, Jeff Lence, R M Staten	C L Wilson	Graves	2nd "	20	9				2	116
Union *A*	J Finch Ray, Alonzo Garrett	W I Hargis	Chalybeate	4th "	5	4		15			122
Unity	None present		Grand Junct'n Tenn	1st "				4			23
Totals					183	94	8	114	22	30	2445

* Number last year. Churches marked thus (A) have a Sunday School.

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